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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., July 8th, 1881.

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Director.

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Rec'd July 9th 1881.

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